

Department of Parks and Recreation

Permitting Policy during COVID-19 Emergency

As of March 22, 2021

What is our operating status?

DPR parks and outdoor spaces are available for public use and casual, low to medium contact sports play.

Outdoor permit applications will be accepted for:

- Low- to no-contact sports (baseball, softball, and adult kickball)
- Outdoor group fitness classes up to 50 persons, not including the trainer
- Medium or high contact sports (*basketball, football, lacrosse, soccer, and wrestling*) must be limited to non-contact training, such as individual drills or team-building exercises.

When permits are not in place, casual play and small gatherings can coexist on the field in open space. The capacity for that non-permitted open space is 250 people in small groups with social distancing measures in place.

How do I apply for a permit?

1. Visit DPR.DC.GOV
 - If you have not created an account, please create one here:
<https://web1.myvscloud.com/wbwsc/dcwashingtonwt.wsc/splash.html>
2. Click on Permits
3. Apply Online
4. Facility Reservations / Park Sites / Fields
5. Purchase from the available inventory of park sites and open spaces

How do I to apply for a waiver?

- Fill out the Waiver form on Rules and Regulations Page - <https://dpr.dc.gov/page/rules-and-regulations-0>
- Supply appropriate documentation, and once approved, discounts will be applied to future purchases

What precautions are we taking to limit the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19)?

- Safety Plan Required – see Phase II Guidance on Permit Rules and Regulations Page - <https://dpr.dc.gov/page/rules-and-regulations-0>
- Minimum 7 Days in advance required for reservations
- Only Medium and Large park sites are currently available for rental.
- Small park sites are first-come, first-serve for groups of ten or less
- Maximum group size = 50

Where should you go if you have questions?

For questions, please contact us at 202-673-7647 or dpr@dc.gov. For more information, please visit coronavirus.dc.gov and for guidance on social distancing outdoors at <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/page/dc-health-guidance>.